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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson

> Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia Heez Se Will

FROM: **Jeffrey S. DeWitt** 

**Chief Financial Officer** 

DATE: **November 4. 2016** 

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement - "Second Pub Crawl Approval Resolution of

2016"

**REFERENCE:** Proposed Resolution 21-885, Committee Print given to the Office of

Revenue Analysis on October 26, 2016

#### Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2020 budget and financial plan to implement the resolution.

## **Background**

A pub crawl is an organized event where participants pay a fee to visit a number of establishments—generally within walking distance—and are served alcoholic beverages during a specified time. Under current law, the organizers of pub crawls must obtain a license from the Alcoholic Beverage Regulatory Administration (ABRA). The resolution approves proposed amendments to current pub crawl regulations. The new rules require pub crawl organizers to pay \$500 annually for a pub crawl license. All pub crawls involving more than 200 people must be approved by the Alcoholic Beverages Control Board. Under current regulations, organizers are already required to notify the Metropolitan Police Department and the Department of Public Works of the details of the event, but the new rules require organizers to notify the Fire and Emergency Management Services Department as well. The rules also establish a civil penalty for participating in an unlicensed pub crawl.

#### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2020 budget and financial plan to implement the resolution. ABRA licenses approximately 10 to 15 pub crawls per year, so the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Title 23, Alcoholic Beverages, Chapter 7, General Operating Requirements, Section 712, Pub Crawls.

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resolution is expected to generate \$5,000 per year in license fees to ABRA's Administration Fund², beginning in fiscal year 2017.

Fiscal Impact of Second Pub Crawl Approval Resolution of 2016 FY 2017 through FY 2020					
	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	TOTAL
Pub Crawl License Fee Revenue	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$20,000

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ABRA Funding, D.C. Official Code § 25-210.